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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: GAUS APPOINTMENT WITH SEIDEL MARCH 11

REF: USBERLIN 471

1. WE HAVE IT FROM UNIMPEACHABLE SOURCE THAT GAUS HAS SPOKEN TWICE TO CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT ABOUT HIS DIALOGUE WITH SEIDEL ON REICHSBAHN PROBLEM. SCHMIDT IS REPORTEDLY FAIRLY RELAXED; AND HAS TOLD GAUS THAT HE FULLY UNDERSTANDS NEED TO PROTECT ALLIED LEGAL POSITION IN BERLIN AS WELL AS TO CONVEY WESTERN POLITICAL POSITION TO GDR. GAUS IS HIMSELF CONCERNED WITH NEED TO TREAT MATTER WITH UTMOST DELICACY, PARTIALLY BECAUSE NEITHER HE NOR SEIDEL IS RESPONSIBLE FOR WEST BERLIN AFFAIRS, AND ALSO BECAUSE GAUS BELIEVES MATTER OF FACE IS INVOLVED FOR EAST GERMANS. GAUS IS ALSO CERTAIN THAT GDR POLITBURO HAS BEEN SEIZED WITH MATTER. GAUS IS THEREFORE UPSET ABOUT PRESS LEAK REPORTING HIS MEETING MARCH 5 WITH
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SEIDEL (IN WHICH SCHLIMPER WAS INCORRECTLY NAMED AS

INTERLOCUTOR). AT ANY RATE, GAUS SOUGHT AND SCHMIDT
GAVE ASSURANCES THAT HE WHOLEHEARTEDLY APPROVES USE OF
GAUS/SEIDEL CHANNEL IN REICHSBAHN AFFAIR.

2. ABOVE LEADS US TO HOPE THAT GAUS CAN RECEIVE
INSTRUCTIONS IN TIME FOR MARCH 11 MEETING WITH SEIDEL
OVER USE OF ALLIED/SENAT/BUNDESBahn EMPLOYEES SELIGER
AND WERNER AS A POSSIBLE WAY TO DEFUSE PROBLEM. GEORGE

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